GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Promotion of Sports in Schools
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any provision to provide scholarships to poor and deserving students for promotion of sports in schools;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds released for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government proposes to set up sports schools in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for promotion of physical education in schools in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) & (b): To promote sports in the country, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing various promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions. SAI has established 10 Regional Centres and 02 educational institutions to implement the sports promotional schemes in the country. Presently, under various SAI schemes 13,684 talented sports persons (9653 boys and 4031 girls) are provided with regular sports training in 27 sports disciplines on residential and non-residential basis in 290 SAI sports centres. The trainees are provided with expert sports coaches, playing facilities, consumable and non-consumable sports equipment including expenses towards boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical and insurance and stipend for day boarders under Special Area Games (SAG) schemes of SAI.
The expenditure incurred on number of SAI Schemes trainees during last three years & current year is as under:
<pre>Year
Expenditure incurred
(Rs. in Crores)
Number of trainees benefitted
2013-2014
50.42
10817
2014-2015
57.64
11032
2015-2016
66.44
11062
2016-2017
*61.46
13684
*Up to Dec.'2016</pre>
(c) There is no proposal under consideration to set up sports schools.
(d) Under Right to Education Act, every school is required to have access to a playing field; engage a physical education instructor; and provide for sports equipment.
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